

WASHINGTON VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Rights

✓ You may register and vote in elections in Washington State if you:

- Reside in Washington
- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are at least 18 years old, and
- Have not lost your voting rights as a result of a felony conviction.

✓ If you are:

- Blind
- Disabled, or
- Unable to read

you can get help from anyone you choose.

✓ Your right to vote cannot be taken away because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex or politics.

✓ You have the right to vote secretly and independently.

✓ You have the right to be instructed how to use the voting equipment before voting.

✓ You will be allowed to vote if you are in line by 8 p.m.

Fraud Or Lying

✓ Everyone must help protect the voting system from those who would lie or commit fraud.

✓ Do not make any false statement, such as wrongly claiming U.S. citizenship, in order to vote.

✓ Do not give a false name, address or wrong information about how long you have lived in a voting district.

✓ Do not offer to pay, or take payment of any kind for registering to vote, voting, or not voting. Do not vote for or against a candidate for payment.

Restoring Your Voting Rights

✓ If you were convicted of a felony, your civil rights, including the right to vote, may be restored.

✓ Voting before the right is restored is a class C felony.

✓ For more information on how to restore civil rights, contact the County Clerk in the county of conviction.

✓ When civil rights are restored you can register to vote. For more information contact your county elections department or call the Secretary of State's Office at 800.448.4881.

WWW.SECSTATE.WA.GOV

✓ Instructions for first-time voters who registered by mail:

- If you did not provide enough identification when you registered by mail you should show one of the following when you go to vote.
- A current and valid photo identification.
- A utility bill.
- A bank statement.
- A government check.
- A pay check.
- A government document other than your voter registration card.

✓ Whichever document you bring must have your name and current address. Show it to the poll worker when you vote.

✓ If you don't bring an identification document you may vote a provisional ballot.

Provisional Ballot

✓ Use a provisional ballot if you go to a polling place and find one of the following.

- Your name is not in the poll book.
- Your name is there but records show you were sent an absentee ballot.
- You have a question about the people or issues on which you can vote.
- You did not bring identification.

Then:

- Vote.
- Put your ballot into the security envelope.
- Put the security envelope into a provisional ballot envelope.

✓ Your ballot will be counted if you are eligible to vote. To find out if your provisional ballot will be counted, contact your county elections department:

www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/auditors.aspx

Administrative Complaint Procedure

✓ State and federal laws provide procedures for voters to complain about suspected violations of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Information about HAVA and the complaint procedures are available at the Office of the Secretary of State website (www.secstate.wa.gov) or by calling 800.448.4881.

✓ Alternative languages and formats giving details on the process may also be available.

Federal and State Laws

✓ To find out about federal election laws contact the Election Assistance Commission:

- 866.747.1471
- www.eac.gov

✓ To find out about Washington State election laws or if you feel your voting rights have been violated contact one of the following.

- Your county elections department.
- The Office of the Secretary of State at www.secstate.wa.gov or call 800.448.4881 or TDD/TTY 800.422.8683.

Election Dates:

✓ The Primary is held on

- The third Tuesday in August.

✓ The General Election is held on

- The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.



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